



Puget Sound Rocket

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club
Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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Pictured above is a 1950 Buick Roadmaster in Seahawks Green, this is just one of the 74 Buicks that were presented at the BOP Show hosted by the Puget Sound Buick Club. There were also two Oldsmobiles on the show field along with two Pontiacs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Olds Club Members,

Hope you are getting out with your Olds in this weather. Father's Day car shows only had 2 at the Maltby Church in Maltby and Ed Konsmo said only 2 showed up at the Puyallup Buick Meekers Day Car Show. I did miss the Greenwood this year as I had a prior commitment. What car shows are you going too? Let me know where you are showing off your cars and maybe we can make a bigger showing.

I would like to put out a big THANK YOU to our longtime editor and past president, Ed Konsmo. He has been doing the newsletter for about 17 years and in my opinion, are excellent covering many topics of interest. Interesting auto related articles, events, needs and leads, photos and more. He spends a lot of time putting the newsletter together.

Our Car Show is only 2 weeks away, July 8th. 10-2. Hope to see many of you there. We are also inviting the Buicks and Pontiacs to the show since we are not at the XXX this year.

Ed Straw
President
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EDITORIAL

CHAPTER NEWS UPDATE

Member Notes and Chapter Info

An update on chapter member, Hugh Russell.

Hugh is still in the adult home in Seattle. He cannot understand why he cannot have his tools to build his famous wagons. At age 96, Hugh still has energy!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

July

- 12 - Pam Konsmo
- 17 - Tom Cathcart
- 17 - Laverne Gadbois

August

- 6 - Carol Butler
- 26 - Marlene Smith
- 30 - George Smith



As the editor of this newsletter for the past 17 years I have seen a lot of changes in the Puget Sound Olds Chapter. Recognizing that many of our members have passed away in the last 17 years, we have still been sending our about 100 newsletters with every publication. Where are those individuals? At the Buick Club event in Puyallup on June 17 there were TWO Olds including our '50, an embarrassment! There were 74 Buicks!

As of this publication, there are only six cars signed up for the Zone Show on July 8.

What is the future of the chapter with basically no one showing up to participate? Monthly meetings were discontinued because the last one held had only four in attendance.

Those of you who are receiving the newsletter but not attending events, have you sold your Olds? Or, are you just not interested in participating in our shows? We would like to know. Your answer may decide the future of the Puget Sound Olds Chapter.

Please let me know if you still have an interest in the Puget Sound Olds Club.

Your editor 253-576-1128

This is really not a chapter update, but a review of the BOP Show sponsored by the Buick Club on June 17.

Fortunately, the weatherman held off the rain. The temp was a cool 54 degrees until the show was about over and then a nice comfortable 65.

The Buick Club members showed up with 70 cars from a 1937 Cabriolet to a 2012 van. Marlene Smith brought her '57 88 Sedan and took home the favorite Olds award. Your editor finally took the '50 98 out of the garage for the two-mile drive to the show field in downtown Puyallup.



Marlene's '57 88



BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



Early Bird Swap Meet, a Pacific Northwest Fixture, could be Gone for Good

Unless A Savior Emerges, This Year's Meet Is Likely The End

It has been a Pacific Northwest fixture for decades: The Early Bird Swap Meet, hosted by the Tacoma Model T Club – but the word among vendors and buyers at the 2023 event was that it was likely the last one.

It wasn't for a lack of interest. Held each February at the fairgrounds in Puyallup, about 35 miles south of Seattle, it's one of those events that gets hobbyists out of the house in the winter – and there was no shortage of eager buyers and tire-kickers this year. The line of them stretched far down South Meridian Street long before the gates opened on Saturday morning.

There were plenty of vendors, too. Hundreds of them. It's true the count didn't match the peak of a few years ago, but it was nonetheless a strong turnout for those selling everything from rusty license plates to an amazingly well preserved 1919 Maxwell. Some of the vendors have attended for more than 40 years, with the swap meet itself dating back about 55 years.

That's a long time. And that's also the issue. Membership of the Tacoma Model T Club has eroded, as the members have aged out of the hobby or passed away. In fact, the 30-year chairman of the club, Charlie Ostlund, died last May. His wife Gloria admitted the scope of the still-popular Early Bird Swap is now beyond the capability of the remaining members.

“We are working hard to find another group to take on the Early Bird, because it continues to mean so much for so many people, but the Tacoma Model T Club is retiring from it,” she says. “It's unfortunate, but it's the reality with the club's dwindling numbers.”

Indeed, an aging base is a struggle for the entire old-car hobby – and with later generations more connected through social media than clubs, it's getting more difficult to find groups willing to put on car shows or swap meets. Nevertheless, Gloria Ostlund is hopeful the Early Bird Swap will continue with a new host.

“We've talked to a few people who are interested in taking it over,” she says. “It continues to be a very successful, popular event and we're doing what we can to make sure it will live on.”

With luck, a swap-meet savior will emerge and will return next February to Puyallup.



Article by Barry Kluczyk of Hemmings Media

Photos from the Buick Olds Pontiac Show in Puyallup on June 17



Beautiful '41 Coupe



1937 Pontiac Cabriolet



1948 Buick Super - Best Straight Eight



A row of Buick Wildcat Convertibles



A 1958 Buick Limited - so long that it has two Zip Codes



A heavily modified '47 Buick - Wow!



Modified 1940 Buick Coupe

This space reserved for photos of car shows and swap meets in 2023.

More photos from the BOP Show in Puyallup.



1950 Buick Sedanet



Editor's '50 98 Town Sedan



1953 Buick Super



1957 Buick Estate Wagon - Best of Show



Modified Convertible



1957 Roadmaster



For Sale only \$8900 - Easy Restoration -will only cost \$100,000!

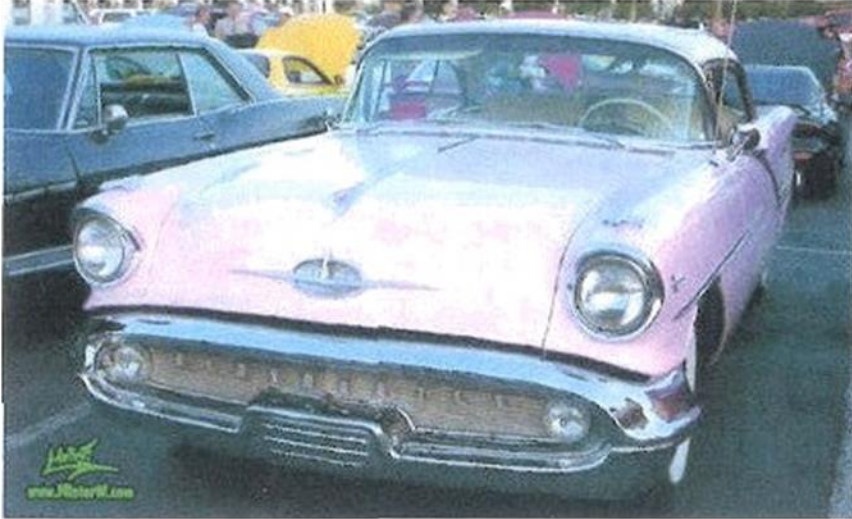
SWAP MEETS IN JULY & AUGUST

- JULY 2 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline - First Saturday of Every Month. Free donuts**
Griots Garage & Events Center, 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409
8am - 11 am; Adm. Free; 800-345-5789; customerservice@griotsgarage.com
- JULY 5 Auburn, WA; Auburn's 4th of July Car Show**
Free dash plaque and car flags to first 100 cars, music, food, craft vendors, rides and more.
Les Grove Park, 910 Ninth St. SE, Auburn, WA 98002; 11am - 4pm; Adm. Free.
Reg. Fee - \$10; Day of show - \$20 Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation; 253-931-3043;
- JULY 8 Edmonds, WA; Puget Sound Olds Club Zone Show**
Our 31st Annual Show, Come and join the fun!
Frances Anderson Center, 500 Main St. Edmonds, WA 98020; 10am - 2pm;
Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$20; Puget Sound Olds Club; 425-485-3093; ekstraw@comcast.net
- JULY 9 Tacoma, WA; 4-4-2/ CUTLASS CAR SHOW VENUE,**
Griots Garage & Events Center, 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409
10am - 2pm. Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$20; Merrill Severson - 253-847-0737
cmcollect@yahoo.com
- JULY 13 Tacoma, WA; Cruise-In at ACM**
Bring your ride, tell your car enthusiast friends; Join us for some FREE cruise-in fun.
LeMay America's Car Museum, 2702 East D St. Tacoma, WA 98421
5pm - 7pm; Adm. Free; 253-779-8490
- JULY 28-30 Puyallup, WA; 35th Griot's Garage Pacific Northwest Goodguys Nationals.**
Washington State Fair Events Center, 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371'
8am - 5pm; 8am - 8pm; 8am - 3pm; Adm. Fee - \$20; Reg. Fee -\$45-75.
Vendors call; Goodguys Rod & Custom, Inc; 800-777-1258.
- AUG 6 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline - First Saturday of Every Month. Free donuts**
Griots Garage & Events Center, 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409
8am - 11 am; Adm. Free; 800-345-5789; customerservice@griotsgarage.com
- AUG 10 Tacoma, WA; Cruise-In at ACM**
Bring your ride, tell your car enthusiast friends; Join us for some FREE cruise-in fun.
LeMay America's Car Museum, 2702 East D St. Tacoma, WA 98421
5pm - 7pm; Adm. Free; 253-779-8490
- AUG 26 Tacoma, WA; LeMay Annual Show**
Featuring over 1,000 vintage vehicles and access to the museum collection.
LeMay Collections at Marymount, 325 152nd St. E, Tacoma, WA 98445; 9am - 3pm;
Adm. Fee - \$20; Kids - \$5; Reg. Fee - \$15; LeMay Collections at Marymount,
253-272-2336; info@lemaymarymount.org
- AUG 26-27 Tacoma, WA; Lucky Collector Car Auction**
The PNW fastest growing car auction, held in connection with the 45th LeMay Annual Show. LeMay Collections at Marymount, 325 152nd St. E, Tacoma, WA 98445.
10am - 5pm both days; Adm. Fee - \$20; Cosmopolitan Motors; 206-467-6531
info@lemaymarymount.org

OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

37th Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show

Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



In Memory Of Ed "Pinky" Booth

Saturday July 8, 2023

10:00am-2:00pm

Frances Anderson Center

7CO Main St Edmonds WA 98029

Entry Fee \$20. Please make checks payable to.

Puget Sound Chapter OCA 9113 NE 179th Place Bothell, WA 98011

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip code _____

Email address _____

Year _____ Body & Model _____

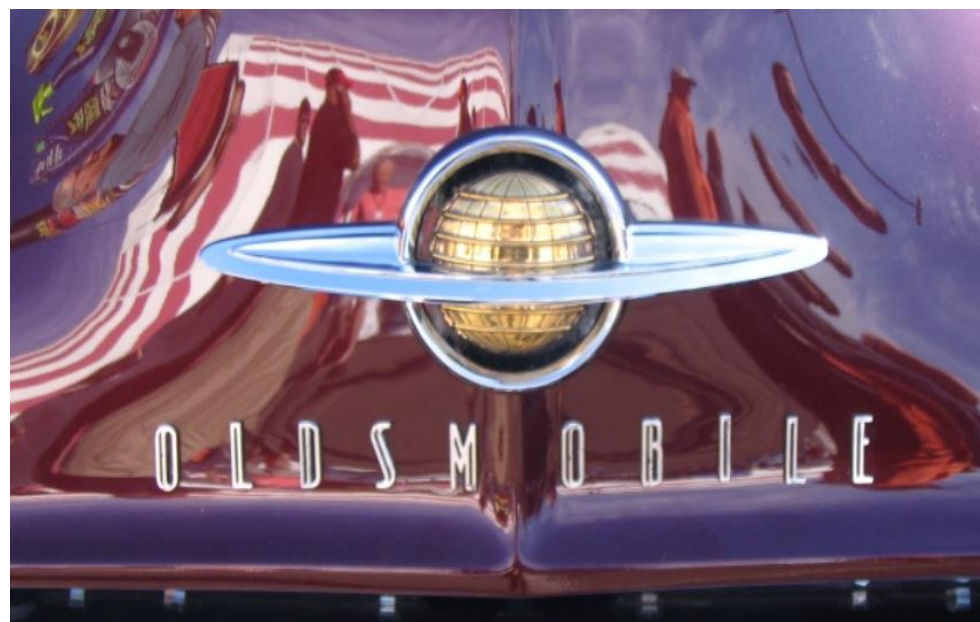
For further information contact Ed Straw 425-485-3093 ekstraw@comcast.net

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

2023 August 9-13 Dayton, Ohio

University of Dayton Marriott



A row of '50 Oldsmobiles and one '40



Membership Application
OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Check here if this is an address change. _____

HOME or CELL PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH _____ DAY _____

SPOUSE MONTH _____ DAY _____

\$20.00 annual dues payable. Please make check payable to Puget Sound Olds Chapter and mail to:

Puget Sound Olds Club
9113 NE 179th Place
Bothell, WA 98011

Please assist us in updating our roster by listing your current Oldsmobile(s) below:

1) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

2) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

3) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

4) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____



CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are free, unlimited words, within reason. IF YOU HAVE SOLD YOUR CAR OR ITEM, PLEASE LET US KNOW. Please submit your classified advertisement in electronic format by the 20th of the month to ekonsmo36@gmail.com.

FOR SALE:

1949 Sedan - In running condition. \$25,000 OBO. Call Erika at 509-659-1022 or 509-659-1757.

1950 88 Convertible. This car is still available. A museum quality example with only 811 miles.

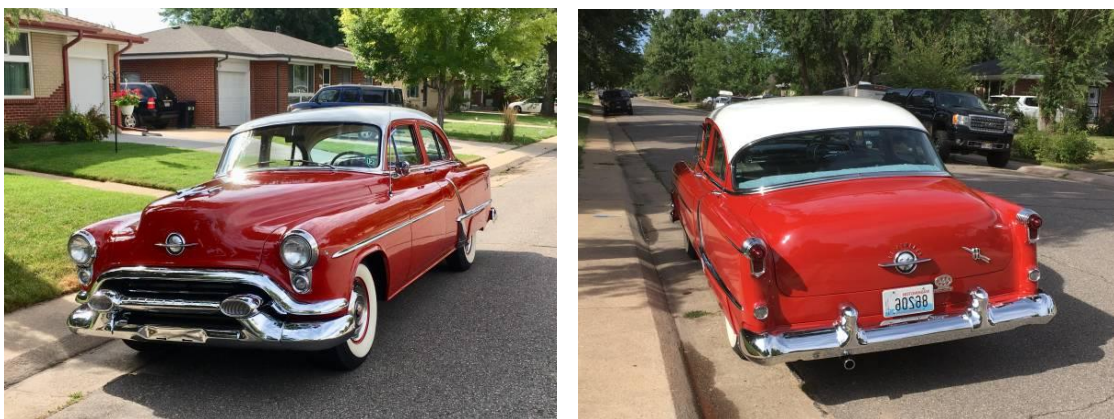


Offered at a reduced price of \$56,999. Call Ed Konsmo for more details and photos. 253-576-1128

1950 Oldsmobile sedan delivery...custom built in Memphis, TN; interior completed by a custom upholstery shop in New Orleans, LA. **No, Olds did not build this car.** Olds' last sedan delivery was in 1934. **Firm price \$47,800.** Don Bougher, memoryshelf558@gmail.com, 503-393-4500, Keizer, OR.



1953 Oldsmobile Super 88 – Settling Estate. Contact Kevin Lee 303-513-7607. \$30,000 negotiable. The car is Located in Arvada. CO



1958 88 Holiday 4dr - A driving car \$16,000 Larry 206-779-8764

1963 F85 Cutlass Conv. – Okay condition, runs great. **PRICE REDUCED!** \$11,000 – Call Bruce Lyle 360-799-1717 Another Cutlass for sale – motor frozen \$3900

1966 Toronado – Great condition, \$3,000. Call Jim Long 360-893-8293. Jim also has two 1970 Toronados, \$2,000 each or best offer!

1968 Cutlass Conv. - new brakes, new belts, new radiator, new alternator, new tires, new shocks, new tune up plugs, points, cap and rotor. This is a survivor car not restored, not perfect. It runs and drives well. A fun car to drive and a real attention getter. \$14,950. no trades. This was my late wife's car. Howard Musolf 206-919-1949. brasscarguy@comcast.net



1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Brougham 5.0L V8 4BBL Coupe 2D 49,444 ORIGINAL miles - runs great! Car has always been in the same family. Free Auto Check Vehicle History Report. Interested? Please email oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com Car located in Indianola, WA.

We will gladly include a photo of your car in your ad in the classifieds. Simply e-mail a photo to ekonsmo36@gmail.com and we will include the photo with your ad. If you still have your car for sale in this issue, send us a photo and we will include it with the ad next mont

NEEDS and LEADS:

NEED – Wheel rims for 1976/1977 Cutlass Supreme – Call Mike Challenger 425-753-3368

NEED – 1936 – 6 Cylinder engine parts – 213 CI; Frank Geyer 206-949-9087

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LEAD - Olds 15" wheels -two ways. First set - Four powder coated with standard wheel covers \$160. Second set - Unpainted with either standard covers or dog dish \$150. Have four minimum mileage Coker 2-1/2" white for \$200. You pick up and inspect in Tacoma. Don Monroe 253-566-8488

LEAD – 1973 442 – This is a car that was used as a donor car for another restoration. Still has rust free body panels. Interior panels and dash are excellent. \$500. Call Gus at 206-571-3804.

NEED – 1967 442 Both F/H & R/H lower rocker molding, chrome (pot metal) that runs along the bottom rear fender from the rear wheel to the rear bumper (approx. 30" X 2"). Also, the front L/H (driver side) side grill cover that goes on the kick panel (non-A/C car). Any help would be greatly appreciated. Dave Lyle 360-678-6546

NEED - 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop – OCA and PSOC club member looking for true collector car. The more original and documented the better. Prefer numbers matching.

Any condition – from restorable car to showroom condition.

Also looking for NOS or used parts for these cars.

John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or email me at jbc3735@gmail.com

OCA and PSOC club member looking for NOS or used parts for 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop.

John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444.



The photo above appeared in an ad for the swap meet at the 2023 Goodguys on July 28-30 in Puyallup. Near the 1992 Cutlass Supreme convertible in the photo, you will see your editor sitting in front of the car. The Cutlass was sold a year later in Hemmings.

Parting Shot



For sale at RM Sotheby's in Monterey on August 17-19. The most storied Ferrari of the sale is this 1954 500 Mondial Spider Series I by Pinin Farina. At that year's Mille Miglia the car was driven to fourth place in class and 14th overall by former Scuderia pilot Franco Cortese and was later raced in the 1955 Imola Grand Prix and the 1956 Targa Florio. The car was built with Spider coachwork by Pinin Farina but later re-bodied by Scaglietti, although after a crash and fire in the USA in the 1960s it's hard to picture what it originally looked like. **Despite the damage it is being sold with an estimate of \$1.2-\$1.6 million.**

Would you pay this much for such a wreck?? Where would you start a restoration?